

economic record for the Biden administration: Inflation has hit 9.1 percent. Grocery costs are up. Gas prices are up. Nearly every essential item for living is up.

The Biden administration's failed economic policies and congressional Democrats' unchecked spending has put our economy on the verge of recession.

In Kentucky, citizens are paying twice as much at the gas pump as they did last year. In fact, Kentuckians have seen a 50 percent increase in gas prices since last year and a diesel increase of 84 percent, which is detrimental to the farming industry.

Farmers are at their breaking point. The USDA recently reported that farm expenses are expected to rise by over \$20 billion next year alone.

I am hearing from constituents in Kentucky's First District who are deeply concerned and rightfully so. Farmers are saying it is costing thousands of dollars more per day to keep their farm equipment operational due to the skyrocketing price of diesel. This is unsustainable.

On top of inflation, it is clear that President Biden has made diminishing American energy production a top priority.

Madam Speaker, Americans are in trouble. No matter how hard Democrats try, Congress cannot spend their way out of this problem.

SUPPORTING BIRTH CONTROL

(Ms. BROWNLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. BROWNLEY. Madam Speaker, last month, the extreme and radical wing of the Republican Party and the Supreme Court took a dangerous and detrimental strike against women's reproductive rights by overturning *Roe v. Wade* and dismantling decades of healthcare and privacy protections, and they are not stopping there.

In his opinion, Justice Clarence Thomas threatened American women that the Supreme Court will no longer protect the right to birth control.

Nearly all women in the United States use contraceptives at least once during their lifetime and an estimated 65 percent of women use a form of birth control every single day.

This is but another egregious component of the radical Republican agenda to restrict women's rights and the fundamental right to her bodily autonomy.

This is why I am supporting the Right to Contraception Act, and I urge all of my colleagues to vote "yes" to protect access to birth control.

House Democrats will not be deterred in the fight for the health, safety, and reproductive freedom of women and every American.

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BIDEN'S VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA

(Mr. ROSE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ROSE. Madam Speaker, this weekend, President Biden took a trip to Saudi Arabia with the purpose of asking Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman to increase oil output. News reports are saying the President might have come home empty-handed after the Crown Prince informed the President that Saudi Arabia is already close to reaching maximum output.

I don't understand why the President would go through all this hassle when we have what it takes to increase oil output, lower prices, and reemerge as the energy-independent country we were under President Trump, right here at home. The President could have saved time and taxpayer dollars by taking a trip to Texas, Louisiana, and Oklahoma.

Unfortunately, as long as the Biden administration continues to implement more regulations and restrictions on investments in the oil and gas industry, we will continue to be at the mercy of foreign countries and their dictators.

GATEWAY SOLIDARITY

(Mrs. WAGNER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. WAGNER. Madam Speaker, as we stand here today, Vladimir Putin continues his unconscionable assault on the sovereign nation of Ukraine, displacing millions of families and killing thousands of innocent civilians.

In response to this horrific assault, my home State of Missouri has projected the colors of the Ukrainian flag on to our State capitol, as well as both landmarks in St. Louis and Kansas City.

My bill here today will illuminate the Gateway Arch, the defining structure of the St. Louis skyline and a symbol of pride for the people of St. Louis, Missouri. It will also show the world that we stand united in solidarity with the people of Ukraine.

Madam Speaker, with the support of the entire Missouri delegation, I urge my colleagues to pass this legislation.

A NEW RECORD OF BORDER CROSSINGS

(Mr. GROTHMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GROTHMAN. Madam Speaker, in the midst of all the talking about the love affair the Democratic Party has for abortion and talking about Ukraine and making another vote there, I am afraid the press isn't going to pick up on the numbers that have just been re-

leased for border crossings of illegal immigrants or people we have not appropriately vetted for June of 2022.

It is a hot month in Mexico and a hot month on the border, so the numbers are not as great as the prior month, but compared to past Junes, we have once again set a record, and nothing is being done about it.

If you look at two Junes ago, June 2020, a total of about 11,000 people were allowed in this country.

Last June, we shot up from 11,000 to 79,000, and this year we are at 142,000.

Madam Speaker, that is 142,000 in one month; once again, a record in June of the number of people crossing the border, and all this body can talk about is Ukraine and abortion. It is time to talk a little bit about the future of the country and ask what the Biden administration is doing to stop this invasion.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. STRICKLAND). Pursuant to section 11(b) of House Resolution 188, the House stands adjourned until 10 a.m. tomorrow.

Thereupon (at 7 o'clock and 19 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, July 19, 2022, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

EC-4732. A letter from the General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Enterprise Regulatory Capital Framework — Public Disclosures for the Standardized Approach (RIN: 2590-AB18) received June 3, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Financial Services.

EC-4733. A letter from the General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Affordable Housing Program—Technical Revisions (RIN: 2590-AB08) received June 3, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Financial Services.

EC-4734. A letter from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — In the Matter of Updating FM Broadcast Radio Service Directional Antenna Performance Verification [MB Docket No.: 21-422] received June 3, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-4735. A letter from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — In the Matter of Amendment of Section 73.622(j), Table of Allotments, Television Broadcast Stations (Weston, West Virginia) [MB Docket No.: 22-112] (RM-11919) received June 3, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-4736. A letter from the Director, Office of Management Policy, Budget and Performance, Office of the Chief Financial Officer,